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Mr. Larry Buckel, Manager Office of Transit Indiana Department of Transportation 100 North Senate Avenue Room N955 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Re: FY 2010- FY 2013 Transit STIP Amendment #3

Dear Mr. Buckel:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment request dated April 15, 2010. The amendment adds a project to the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission's FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program.

The project is for Northern Indiana Commuter Transit District replacement electronic message signs in the amount of \$300,000.

We have determined that the STIP amendment is financially constrained and that the project is consistent with the MPO and statewide transportation plans. The project was developed in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450, and is exempt from the air quality conformity determination process. The amendment is approved for inclusion in the STIP.

If you have any questions concerning this STIP amendment, please contact David Werner at (312) 353-3879.

Sincerely,

Marisol R. Simon

Regional Administrator

cc: Joe Crnkovich, NICTD